

Appl. No. 10/807,207
Amdt. dated July 22, 2004
Preliminary Amendment

PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

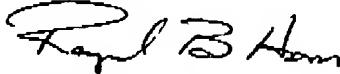
Applicants, by this paper, delete the first paragraph of the application, appearing under the heading "RELATED APPLICATION(S)," and replace it with a paragraph which identifies the application as claiming the benefit of Provisional U.S. Application No. 60/458,621.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully believe all claims pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 858-350-6100.

Respectfully submitted,



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